CLAIMS

1. (Cancelled)

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Cancelled)

5. (Currently amended) ~~The~~ A camera ~~of claim 1, wherein the camera further comprises~~ comprising:

a control button;

~~a)~~ an axis of rotation of the control button; and

~~b)~~ a spring that resists the actuation of the control button;

and wherein when the control button is rotated in an angular direction about its axis of rotation, a length of the spring is changed in a linear direction, thereby increasing the force with which the spring resists the actuation of the control button;

and wherein the force is adjustable by a user of the camera.

6. (Original) The camera of claim 5, wherein when the control button is rotated in a second angular direction, opposite the first, about its axis of rotation, the length of the spring is changed in a second linear direction, opposite the first, thereby reducing the force with which the spring resists the actuation of the control button.

7. (Currently amended) A ~~The~~ camera ~~of claim 1, wherein the camera further comprises~~ comprising:

a control button;

~~a)~~ a magnet attached to the control button; and

~~b)~~ a wire coil in proximity to the magnet;

and wherein the magnet is repelled by the wire coil when electric current is passed through the wire coil in a first direction, thereby resisting actuation of the control button;

and wherein the force is adjustable by a user of the camera.

8. (Original) The camera of claim 7, wherein the magnet is attracted by the wire coil when electric current is passed through the wire coil in a second direction, opposite the first, thereby assisting actuation of the control button.

9. (Original) The camera of claim 7, wherein the magnitude of the current is adjustable.

10. (Original) The camera of claim 9, further comprising a user control that allows the user of the camera to specify the force required to actuate the control button.

11. (Original) The camera of claim 10, further comprising a control circuit that controls the magnitude of the current in response to a setting of the user control.

12. (Cancelled)

13. (Cancelled)

14. (Currently amended) A ~~The~~ method ~~of claim 12~~, ~~further~~ comprising the step of adjusting, by a user of a camera, a force required to actuate a control button of the camera, the adjustment comprising rotating the control button, thereby changing the length of a spring that resists the actuation of the control button.

15. (Cancelled)

16. (Currently amended) A ~~The~~ method ~~of claim 12~~, ~~further~~ comprising adjusting, by a user of a camera, a force required to actuate a control button of the camera, the adjustment comprising:

~~a)~~ passing electric current through a wire coil;

~~b)~~ generating magnetic flux in the wire coil; and

~~c)~~ exerting a resulting force on a magnet that is in proximity to the wire coil, the resulting force resisting actuation of the control button.

17. (Cancelled)

18. (New) The camera of claim 5, wherein the camera is a film camera.

19. (New) The camera of claim 5, wherein the camera is a digital camera.

20. (New) The camera of claim 5, wherein the control button is a shutter release button.

21. (New) The camera of claim 7, wherein the camera is a film camera.

22. (New) The camera of claim 7, wherein the camera is a digital camera.

23. (New) The camera of claim 7, wherein the control button is a shutter release button.